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Commissioner George P. Bush announces winners of the 2018 Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest

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AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush is proud to announce the winners of the 2018 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. The grand prize winner, selected from the 40 overall winners, was Finley White, a 5th grader at Jacob's Well Elementary in Wimberley. Finley's teacher, Jennifer Lewis, will also receive a prize package as well. Download hires images of all the winning artwork at <https://goo.gl/qfLPAb>.

"Thousands of children across the state participated in the 22nd anniversary Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest," Bush said. "This contest is a great way for young Texans to show their artistic skill and vision while learning about the natural beauty of our precious coast. Each year selecting the winners is a tough process because of the volume of creative submissions, but Finley's artwork stood out for her unique expression of a Whooping Crane in a marsh on the Texas coast."

Grand Prize Winner

Finley's artwork, along with 39 runners-up, will appear on the cover of the 2019 Adopt-A-Beach calendar, which will be distributed statewide. The artwork of all winners will be on public display in the South-Central Gallery of the Texas Capitol May 22nd - 29th for all visitors to view and appreciate. The exhibit will be sponsored by Texas State Representative Abel Herrero (District 34, Corpus Christi).

This year's grand prize winner will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines or United Express to any destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines, and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean

International. All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, a ticket to the Houston Zoo, two all day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, prizes and a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush selected Finley's masterpiece from 2,480 entries submitted statewide. The annual competition encourages schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they have learned through their art. Open to grades K-6 across Texas, the contest motivates thousands of young artists each year.

Winner Name	School Name	City
K, 1st and 2nd Grades		
Khloe Chi	Settlers Way Elementary	Sugar Land
Ela Erkenekli	Settlers Way Elementary	Sugar Land
Evan Feng	Hanjie Arts Center	Katy
Isabel He	Roosevelt Alexander Elementary	Katy
Haebin Kim	Elsa England Elementary	Austin
Donovan Marg	Randall H. Fields Elementary	San Antonio
Aliyah Martinez	Driscoll ISD	Driscoll
Sommer Spencer	Beyond Limits Elementary	Sinton
Teja Tahkku	Keiko Davidson Elementary	Katy
Lucy Tao	Tom Wilson Elementary	Katy
3rd - 4th Grades		
Jamie Bong	Blackland Prairie Elementary	Round Rock
Maddie Beryl	Plum Creek Elementary	Joshua
Eva Li	Roosevelt Alexander Elementary	Katy
Molly Madsen	Tyler Art School	Tyler
Marijose Rosas	Visual Arts Academy	Brownsville
Ella Saenz	St. Laurence Catholic School	Sugar Land
Aamir Tinwala	Falak Art Studio	Coppell
Bella Vass	Plum Creek Elementary	Joshua
Richard Wang	Private Art Studio	Cedar Park
Merissa Zhang	Hanjie Arts Center	Katy
5th Grade		
Clara Campbell	Plum Creek Elementary	Joshua
Bao Danh	Park Place Elementary	Houston
Elaina Dominy-Gillis	Santa Fe Kubacak Elementary	Santa Fe
Jenna Lozoya	Driscoll ISD	Driscoll

Victoria Ortega	Park Place Elementary	Houston
Jose Rosas	Visual Arts Academy	Brownsville
Jasmine Smith	Stewart Elementary	Kemah
Joi Speck	Fulton 4-5 Learning Center	Fulton
Jessica Wang	Hanjie Arts Center	Katy
*Finley White (Grand Prize Winner)	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
6th Grade		
Ashley Barragan	Senator Eddie A. Lucio, Jr. Elementary	Brownsville
Amelie Breton	Pearson Ranch Middle School	Austin
Gracie Ellis	Woodgate Intermediate	Woodway
Juliana Franco	Beckendorff Junior High	Katy
Mia Mabray	Our Lady of Victory Catholic School	Victoria
Gabby Rivers	Marshall Middle School	Beaumont
Kevin Shi	Woodcreek Junior High	Katy
Madelyn Smith	St. Mary's Catholic School	Orange
Isabella Tran	St. Mary's Catholic School	Orange
Meaghan Williams	Private Instruction	Corpus Christi

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